GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1659
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TELEPHONE BILLS PAYMENT FACILITY IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities provided by the Government to the telephone subscribers of the rural areas for ensuring cash payment of their telephone bills;

(b) whether the cheques for the payment of telephone bills are not accepted by local post offices in the rural areas;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the acceptance of cheques by the post offices in the rural areas;

(e) whether the permission from some Government Authority is required for the payment of such cheques; and

(f) if so, the details including the exact procedure for the same in this regard?

Answer

MINISSTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Payment of telephone bills in cash is accepted in the departmental post offices in rural areas.

(b) No, Sir. Cheques in payment of telephone bills are also accepted.

(c) to (f) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.